

SB 1283 (Public Act 94-0695) Summary

Effective date changed for increases for disfigurement and specific loss of scheduled body parts

Public Act 94-277, effective July 20, 2005, increased the maximum number of weeks for disfigurement under Section 8(c) of the Act and specific loss of scheduled body parts under Section 8(e) of the Act. SB 1283 changes the effective dates of these provisions as follows:

Permanent Partial Disability Schedule Awards As Set by SB 1283				
	Injuries occurring			
	Before 7/20/05	7/20/2005 - 11/15/2005	11/16/05 - 1/31/06	On or after 2/1/2006
Disfigurement	150	162	150	162
Thumb	70	76	70	76
First (index) finger	40	43	40	43
Second (middle) finger	35	38	35	38
Third (ring) finger	25	27	25	27
Fourth (little) finger	20	22	20	22
Great toe	35	38	35	38
Each other toe	12	13	12	13
Hand	190	205	190	205
Arm	235	253	235	253
Amputation above elbow	250	270	250	270
Amputation at shoulder joint	300	323	300	323
Foot	155	167	155	167
Leg	200	215	200	215
Amputation above knee	225	242	225	242
Amputation at hip joint	275	296	275	296
Eye	150	162	150	162
Enucleation of eye	160	173	160	173
Hearing loss of one ear (under WC Act)	50	54	50	54
Hearing loss of both ears (under WC Act)	200	215	200	215
Testicle--1	50	54	50	54
Testicle--2	150	162	150	162

Effective 11/16/05

Medical Fee Schedule Application

Section 8.2 is amended to provide that the medical fee schedule applies to procedures, treatments, or services covered under the Act and rendered on and after February 1, 2006.

Effective 2/1/06

Utilization Review Programs Application

Section 8.7 is amended to provide that retrospective review shall apply to services rendered on or after July 20, 2005.

Effective 11/16/05

Workers' Compensation Advisory Board Function Increased

Section 13.1(c) of the Act is amended to provide that the Workers' Compensation Advisory Board shall aid the Commission in reviewing advisory rates filed by an advisory organization as defined in Section 463 of the Illinois Insurance Code.

Effective 11/16/05

Rate Adjustment Fund Benefits Altered

Rate Adjustment Fund to resume paying benefits in death and permanent total disability cases

Section 8(g) is amended to provide that for accidental injuries occurring on or after the effective date of SB 1283 (November 16, 2005) employers will no longer be required to pay the annual adjustments to the employee's and dependent's compensation rate in death and permanent total disability cases. The Rate Adjustment Fund will pay the annual adjustments in these cases. Employers remain responsible for paying the annual adjustments in cases in which the accidental injuries occurred on or after July 20, 2005 through November 15, 2005.

Rate Adjustment Fund assessment increased

Section 7(f) of the Act is amended to increase the assessment rate for employers' contributions to the Rate Adjustment Fund from 1% to 1.25% beginning January 2006.

Effective 11/16/05